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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Group Art Unit: 3728

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Examiner: Marie Patterson

Title: **Footgear With Pressure Relief Zones**



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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JULY 10, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
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Arlington, VA 22202

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Claims 33 – 38 are presented hereinbelow, renumbered and underlined as suggested by the Examiner. Of these claims only claims 26 and 37 have been amended from the format included in the amendment mailed to the U.S. Patent Office on May 21, 2001; and the amendments to these claims are discussed in the Remarks.

*Sub 33*  
Footgear with pressure relief areas for the foot, said footgear having a sole area extending substantially for the entire area underlying the foot of a user comprising:

an outer sole;

*C*  
an inner sole extending substantially over the entire sole area mounted in said footgear above said outer sole, said inner sole having a plurality of independently vertically movable sections arranged in a grid pattern, said independently vertically movable sections having lower surfaces which are mounted within said footgear and said sections together form a substantially smooth surface for engagement by the foot;